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Deputy General Counsel				DATE 17 DEC 1976
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1. Legislative Counsel				This call resulted from a conversation in the hallway the other day in which either you or Lyle took part. I suspect Pete's information is good, but you may want to make some discreet inquiries through your own sources whenever you have an opportunity. Brad tells me that State is treating this as a subject on which Congress is almost certain to act and is pushing very hard for some concessions by the executive branch. Given the apparent status of this proposal, if it can be called that, I think our position should be firmly status quo.
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Brad:

Re: Alleged Proposals to Tax Allowances of Government Employees Serving Overseas

I talked to Pete Singleton on the staff of the House Ways and Means Committee. There is a Ways and Means Task Force on Foreign Source Income. They have hired a New York lawyer who works both on this and on a Task Force on Capital Formation. There is no regular staff for the Task Force, but they simply draw from the Ways and Means staff and that of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation. The Committee is Chaired by Congressman Rostenkowski and includes Vanik, Pickle, Helstoski and Cotter, among the Democrats (Helstoski was defeated and I am not sure Cotter has returned). The Republican members are Conable, Vander Jagt and Frenzel. Pete tells me that this ~~Committee~~^{TASK FORCE} is not gung ho on anything in particular. They are having enough trouble simply getting out a report. Nothing formal has been published. He thinks that State may have talked to one or two individual congressmen who may have expressed their own opinions, but Pete is not aware of any groundswell of enthusiasm for taxing Government employees' allowances. He promised to keep me informed if he learns anything, and I am sure he will make some inquiries.

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Deputy General Counsel

cc: Legislative Counsel